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"My 2 Cents"

Mitch Ernst
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"Autumn is the season of change."
~Taoist proverb

A quick look at the window, tells us that change is in the air. The days are getting shorter and the trees are losing their leaves. The season is changing and to invoke an analogy, I would like to suggest, so is our hobby.

If you've thought this issue of The Journal looks and feels a bit "thin", you're right. We usually have three club shows to report upon in the fall issue; Omaha Coin Club, Gering and Lincoln Numismatic Society. Sadly, there is only one report, from Gering (page 6) this year as both OCC and LNS decided not to hold shows this year.

We also were short of article contributions for this issue. This upcoming winter, may I ask you to consider taking time on those long winter days and nights, to sit down and write an article about your collecting interest and submit it to the Journal? It doesn't have to be heavy in scholarly research, or in depth information. How 'about recalling a special find at a show when you were just beginning? Or if you are a member of a club, an article about what your local coin club has to offer?

Speaking of clubs, I mentioned how two of Nebraska's clubs did not hold a show this year. Clubs have relied on their annual coin show to support their monthly meetings, events and out reaches for decades. But the advent of the internet, competition from privately held shows, aging memberships and rising costs to rent a venue, etc., are all making it more difficult for a club show to compete.

But there are a lot of ways to support your local club. Consider making a donation to your local club. Have you ever thought about leaving a Nebraska numismatic organization in your will? You can help assure that the club that has contributed so much to your enjoyment of numismatics can continue on, by making a simple gift. If nothing else, become a member; join, volunteer, contribute articles, give a program and most importantly just show up. The hobby of numismatics is a grass roots movement. Men, women, children, families and friends all have found enjoyment in their participation in the hobby. I'm sure many readers right now are recalling fond memories of friends now gone, or knowledge they learned or an experience they had all because of being a member of a club.

So whether it's the NNA, or a local club, please consider reaching out and asking the club leadership if there is anything you can do to help assure the club's future by making a contribution of your time, knowledge or finances. Contact information for local clubs in Nebraska can be found on page 20.

We can sit back and watch our hobby change bemoaning the fact that it is changing. Or, we can take advantage of the change and learn to observe and adapt. Irish playwright and a co-founder of the London School of Economics, George Bernard Shaw once said, *"Those who cannot change their minds cannot change anything."*

Clubs aren't passé as some may believe. No, I believe clubs are the bones on which the body of our hobby stands. But it also may be time to "rethink" how clubs are run and supported.

-Mitch

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10th Annual Wyo-Braska Show

August 27th
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Gering, NE -Larry Gibbs

The 10th Annual Wyo-Braska Coin & Stamp Collectors Show took place last Saturday (the 27th) at the Gering Civic Center. The show had the best attendance ever with about 190 people attending. Dealers from four states were busy selling & buying from those attending.

A few dozen under ten years old collectors received small starter packs of stamps & US & Foreign coins to whet their interest in the hobbies and hopefully encourage another generation of collectors.

The main door prize consisting of an Uncirculated 1957 $1 Silver Certificate was won by Don Loos of Gering and the returning attendee door prize of a 1982 United States Proof Set was won by Don Kepler of Scottsbluff.

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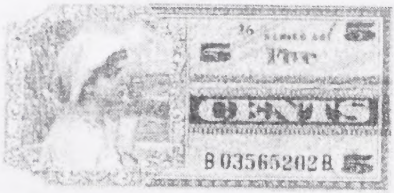

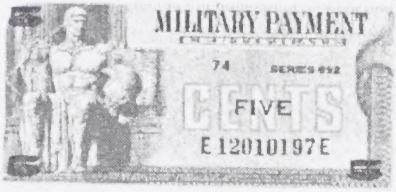

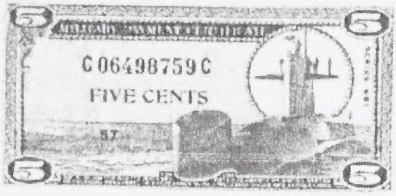

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Boys Town Coin Designs Unveiled

August 23rd
Boys Town Music Hall

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Rhett Jeppson officially introduced designs for 2017 Boys Town commemorative coins Aug. 23 at Boys Town Music Hall in Boys Town, Neb. The U.S. Mint Principal Deputy Director said the coins acknowledged "the extraordinary efforts made by this organization to give comfort and purpose to children in need, and recognizing the significant contributions of Father Flanagan," Flanagan founded a home for boys in 1917

The Mint notes that it is now one of the largest non-profit organizations in the country, dedicated to serving more than two million at-risk children and families of all backgrounds and religions across 11 regions of the country. The Mint will strike up to 50,000 $5 gold pieces, 350,000 silver dollars and 300,000 clad half dollars to commemorative the centennial of organization. Coin designs reflect its growth and wider mission. Local dignitaries included

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Cordell Cade and Kymani Bell, who are mayor and vice mayor, respectively. Dan Daly, executive vice president and director of Youth Care, and Jerry Davis, vice president of advocacy, were also present.

Editor's note: Unlike the Homestead ATB quarter released in 2015 the NNA has not been approached about this coin program by either officials at Boys Town or the US Mint. If or when information about the program becomes available, the NNA will do it's best to pass the information along to our membership so that everyone has an opportunity to participate in any launch programs or events that may be scheduled in 2017.

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NNA Members in the news

NNA life member and paper money researcher, author and all around good guy, Gerome Walton, has been named a recipient of a 2016 Glenn Smedley Award presented by the American Numismatic Association.

Gerome has worked behind-the-scenes at the ANA for decades, serving as treasurer and assistant treasurer. Walton was executive director of the ANA Lewis M. Reagan Memorial Foundation for 24 years. Walton is also a former Summer Seminar instructor and current volunteer.

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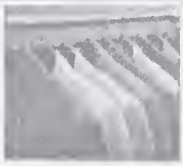

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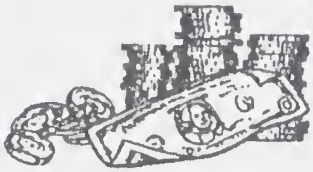

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